

BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE	:	
DECISION TO APPROVE REVISION	:	NOTICE OF TENTATIVE
TO AN EXISTING MINING AND	:	DECISION TO APPROVE
RECLAMATION PLAN FOR BARNEY'S	:	NO. M/035/009
CANYON MINE, SALT LAKE	:	
COUNTY, UTAH	:	

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THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION, MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 10 AND 11, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, SLBM, SALT LAKE COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of its tentative decision to approve Kennecott Corporation's revision of the Mining and Reclamation Plan for the Barney's Canyon Mine. Revised mining activities will effect portions of the following areas: Sections 1, 2, 3, 10 and 11, T3S, R3W, SLBM, Salt Lake County, Utah.

Kennecott Corporation has submitted a revision to its permit to expand the existing gold mining operation to include the following changes: the existing mine, currently permitted for 707 acres, will be increased by approximately 218 acres.

During Operations

The operator will continue to mine gold ore using typical open pit mining methods. The operator will create two new pits, the North Barney's Canyon South Pit (6.3 acres) and the South Barney's Canyon South Pit (20.1 acres). The existing Melco haul road will be expanded (28 acres). The existing Melco Pit will be expanded (63.9 acres), and the Melco waste dumps will be expanded (59 acres). Topsoil salvage and storage will take place prior to mine development. Gold ore is processed on-site using heap leaching technology. Kennecott will mine its current ore reserves through 1997.

Following Operations

The operator will reclaim approximately 140 acres of the total 218 acres, addressed under this revision. Pit highwalls will not be reclaimed. The South Barney's Canyon South Pit will be partially backfilled. Accessible pit benches will be reclaimed. Regrading, retopsoiling and revegetation will take place on waste dumps and roads. An exception to this will be portions of the Melco dumps which will be revegetated only.

The person representing the company is Mr. David I. Hodson, General Manager, Barney's Canyon Mine, 8200 South and 9600 West, P. O. Box 311, Bingham Canyon, Utah 84006-0311; Phone (801) 569-7118. Kennecott Corporation is fulfilling obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Utah Code Ann. §40-8-18.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision to issue approval is hereby requested to submit written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 355 West North Temple, 3 Triad Center, Suite 350, Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203, setting forth factual reasons for the complaint. If no responsive written protests are received by the Division within 30 days after the last date of publication, the tentative decision of the Division will be final.

DATED THIS 9th day of September, 1992

STATE OF UTAH
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING



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Director